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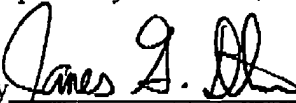
Initially, Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for the careful consideration given this case. Further, Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for the telephonic interview that was conducted on January 13, 2005. During that interview the Examiner indicated that Claim 7 contained allowable subject matter. Accordingly, each claim that depends from Claim 7 is also allowable.

Applicants' agent authorized an Examiner's Amendment in a telephone message on Friday January 14, 2005, in which the Examiner was authorized to cancel Claims 1, 3-6, 23, and 24. Applicants continue to disagree with the Examiner regarding the rejection of the cancelled claims. However, in order to expedite prosecution Applicants herein cancel Claims 1, 3-6, 23, and 24 without prejudice to their presentation in later, related cases.

By the enclosed amendments and remarks, Applicant has fully addressed all of the issues raised by the Examiner in the final Office Action mailed on November 16, 2004. In view of the amendments and remarks included herein, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for final allowance and notice to such effect is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that additional issues need to be resolved before this application can be passed to issue, the undersigned invites the Examiner to contact him at the telephone number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,

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